red; and I have no other object of earthly ambition than to leave my country in a peaceful and prosperous condition, and to live in the affections and respect of my countrymen. The dark and ominous clouds which now appear to be impending over the Union, I conscientiously believe may be dissipated with honor to every portion of it, by the admission of Kansas during the present session of Congress, whereas if she should be rejected. I greatly fear these clouds will become darker and more ominous than any which have ever yet threatened the constitution and the Union.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2d, 1858.

The Immensity of the Coal Trade. We have read, with interest, the memorial of the coal and iron companies-owners and the counties of Hampshire and Hardy in Virginia, and Alleghany county, in Maryland

-for aid from the State in the completion of railroad. Referring to the valuable mineral resources of these counties, they say that "during the past year, notwithstanding the great depression in business, there has been mined and delivered from these counties, to the Baltimore and Onio railroad, and the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, about 600,000 tons of coal. That the superior and valuable character of this coal, for steam and manufacturing purposes, continues constantly to attract consumers, and that its recent in traduction, in this country, into locomotives at a saving over wood of 70 per cent., promises to increase a demand which already exceeds the means of transportation; that the Bultimore and Ohio railroad Company declare that they have now as much of this freight as their other trade will permit them t handle with the motive power at their command; and that the revenue yielded by it to that road during its last fiscal year, was \$1,570,000. That your petitioners have a large amount of capital invested, and are prepared to lurnish any quantity of coal as soon as they have adequate means of transportation. That the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire railroad has been commenced and is in process of construction to the Cumberland coal field at Piedmont, and when completed, by enabling your petitioners to transport coal to Alexandria at a much less cost that to any other shipping port, will at once secure to it elf an ample tevenue. That this would make Alexandria a great coal depot, second only to Philadelphia, and as experience proves, that the centres for coal and iron soon become great manufacturing centres, Alexandria will in consequence become a large manufacturing city."

The memorial above referred to, together with the interesting and valuable tabular statement subjoined, showing the amount of coal (four hundred and twenty-six thousand, eight bundred and three tons,) transported from the Cumberland coal region during the past year, will convey an idea of what a vast quantity of that meterial most inevitably be received annually at Alexandria, so soon as the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire railroad shall be complet d, its termious being thirty-five miles nearer tide-water than Baltimore.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the consumption of this semi-bituminous, as well as all other varieties of coal, is continually on the increase and is only limited by the price at which it can be afforded to the consumer. The thousand per cent increase in the demand for mineral luel for our steamships, furnaces, gas works, factories, fourdries, work-shops and fire-sides, is enough, to startle the timid mind and lead it to conceive that if we go on at this destructive rate of y be destroyed by fire.

For instance, according to the tabular statement in the year 1846, this Cumberland coal trade may be said to have commenced That year there were brought to tide-water only 18,393 tons and during the past year the quantity had increased to 426 803 tons .--Again, a table of anthracite coal statistics, before us, shows that during the year 1820, shen the anthracite coal trade commenced, here were mined and brought to market onv 365 tons and that during the past year .764.587 (nearly seven million) tons of that al were transported from the Pennsylvania nines to the seaboard, to suply the wants of ur Atlantic cities.

These data furnish ample material for soer reflection on the subject of the final comustion of our little planet, and should not be over-looked by those who believe in the itimate destruction of all things. To our gislators these statistics present food for selous meditation on the question of a steady ontinuance and completion our main railtoads. - Richmond Enquirer.

COMMUNICATED. f the Alexandria Canal, but I hope it does | punishment, if the wretches that perpetrated not need to destroy other interests in order to the villainy can be detected.

want of correct information.

en again Carriage Makers, Blacksmiths, means of the bridge too, our merchants ad other citizens on their return from the orth, can arrive bome the same evening, in ace of remaining in Washington or Bultiore all night, which, by the way, is not aly a saving of time and money, but a great atisfaction to such as have no one to leave charge of their families during their al-

When the river is frezen, the value of the ridge becomes incalculable, thousands of ersons then finding it their sole means of aching Alexandria, to say nothing of goods r our merchants, or freight for our railroals; ndeed it has not been very long I believe, nce we were saved by the bridge from a smine in sugar, and possibly in other arties of family consumption.

Besides all this, we do not ask for any w or untried thing, or for any expenditure of nev either by the town or its citizens; we erely desire an expression of public sentient, through which we hope Congress may brought to do justice to the interests inved, by the repair or renewal of the pre-

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From Washington City. Correspondence of the Richmond Enquirer.

Washington, Feb. 1, 1858. The Lecompton Constitution has arrived and will be, te-tay, submitted to Congress with a special message from the President of the United States. The late of the Con- to the best mode of disposing of them. On stitution is uncertain. Strict party disci- the one hand, it is urged that its existence as pline may carry it through the Senate, but in well as condition, springs naturally and the House there is a majority of four against | necessarily from the institution of slavery ; its reception, under any and all circumstan- that many of them have been emancipated ces; and yet it is said that Mr. Buchanan has either for merit in themselves or their ancesdeclared his determination to put it through tors, and deserve the affections which cling Congress in thirty days or burst. These four to them in the bosoms of families to whom votes may be had, as there are a number of they belonged; that if many of them are cordesirable Executive appointments ready to rupted and degenerated since being left to be given out, but it will require nice party their own care, it is owing not only to their engineering. Several Senators express a own improvidence, but to evil communication willingness to vote for the Lecompton Con. with bad white men who associate and deal stitution, but only under provisions which with them and abuse their weakness, and operators of the semi-bituminous coallands in will secure to t e people of the State a fair who are not restrained by adequate penal vote upon it, after the Stats government shall laws. That their labor is needed in many have been organized-and without recogniz- parts of the state where they are most ing any political advantages which Cathoun numerous-and that to get clear of them in and his party may have secured by the frauds any way is considerably to reduce proteinto the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire charged upon them. It these points are not our population, and, of course, our federal clearly secured, the Constitution will fail even strength. And that if they are an evil in our in the Senate-perhaps not by so signal a midst, it is our duty to put up with it in the vote as killed off the army bill, an Adminis- best way we can, under a system of salutary tration measure, which received only eight correction and restraint, and that we owe votes. Mr. Buchanan should remember that them protection in the places of their nathe Walker and Paulding controver-y has tivity, where they fondly love to remain .loosened considerably party screws; and the On the other hand, it is urged that they are late decided defeat of his Administration in in most cases set free by a spirit of tanaticism, the loss of the "new regiment bill," should and by persons who spoiled them and made guard him against calculating too certainly them unlit for freedom. That they are thus upon the support of Congress. When he turned loose to become idle and vicious and learned the vote of the Senate, and ascertain- destitute, and to set an evil example to slaves, ed that his recommendation to increase the with whom their contact is banciul. That regular army had been rejected by a vote of they are used as agents of runaways, and are four to one, be became quite indignant, and receivers for their. That they tend to at once countermanded the order for General | degrade a certain portion of the whites as Scott to proceed to California, and threatened to withdraw all the troops from Utah .- happy and vicious And that they are This would probably be the wisest course to especially dangerous in these times of agitapursue, as Dr. Bernheisei, the Mormon dele- tion and excitement against our property and gate here, has already proposed sending our peace, on account of slavery. Commissioners, instead of soldiers, who could treat with the people of Utah, and provide for their removal from the territories of and to our satisfaction. Several modes have the United States to some one of the islands been proposed. One is to send them, in one in the Pacific Ocean. This, the Doctor thinks exodus, out of the state, to the nonslavecould be readily accomplished, and would be holding states of the Union. I doubt both ple in a bloody war. It is proposed that the reason assigned is, in a vindictive spirit, to government purchase the improvements of teach abolitionists better now to appreciate

central division of the army. This proposition is now before the President. Pacific railroad project, which has been re- against us rather than to convert them in ported by him to the Senate, and which he believed had the entire approval of Mr. Buchanan. He is now told by the President that suited to their habits or natures; and it would the scheme of General Jeff. Davis is the one be harsh thus to subject them to wholesale he prefers and shall support with the in- dispersion, disease and extinction. Such is fluence of his administration. Dr. Gwin their face in free states and in co.d climates. takes this in high dudgeon and charges the They are not fit for freedom or trost, unless President with trilling with the subject, as he they are among friends who will provide for knows General Davis' bill will share the them; and slaveholders, at last, are the same ignominious fate with the "New Regiment Bill" and not receive ten votes in the climate and location are most kindly to Senate. General Davis proposes one route from El Paso to San Diego, while Dr. Gwin's bill fixes the Eastern terminus on the Missouri river between the Sioux and the Kansas rivers. In my opinion this proposition would also be rejected by a large votefor, while it proposes a Northern terminus, it is designed to run the road actually South or East of South, until it strikes the Texas road, and thence Westward via El Paso. Congress will never agree to a Pacific road which runs South. RAPPAHANNOCK.

Georgetown Affairs.

Correspondence of the Washington Star. Georgetown, Feb. 2, 1858 .- A most unburning up the bowels of our mother earth, heard-of and inhuman method of disposing the day is near at hand when she will in re- of a dead body was practised on Sunday night, by an individual who had been em- punish capitally certain of their higher pared, into which the body had been placed the minor offenders and the idle to labor on on the night previous, and where it remained the public works. A code of discipline in the house the whole of Sunday. The would soon rid us of all the vicious and disbody being gone yesterday, morning, and the solute, and retain to us the trustworthy, the individual in question, a man named vircuous, and the industrious."

Berth, having gone there for the purpose of burying it, all supposed that it was in the ground, but le, and behold! about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, to the utter surprise and astonishment of all, it was found floating in Rock Creek, minus the coffin It is supposed that the inhuman creature, after having taken this short method of discosing of the corpse took the box or coffin home and burned it. As soon as the facts came to the knowledge of the proper authorities, a box was prepared, it to which the body was placed, and taken to the almshouse and

While the family of the late Mr. Gov. Hunter were attending his burial on Sabbath last, some heartless villains entered the house and robbed it of a large number of sneets, towels, &c. Such conduct cer-I can very well appreciate the importance tainly merits the most summary and severe

An accident occurred this morning at the limekiln of W. H. Godey & Co., which will The Potomac Bridge is older even than involve the proprietors in a loss of several e Canal, and in so far can claim prece- hundred dollars. A heavy stone wall, some ence. The wholesale statements that have twenty feet high, had just been creeted for een made about the worthlessness of the the purpose of supporting a portion of the ridge to Alexandria, are certainly based on kiln; behind this, large quantities of loose want of correct information. To our Hotels alone, I learn the bridge is ring the rain of last night, pushing the orth several thousand dollars per annum, wall out of the perpendicular line, causing the Livery Stable and Omnibus interest it it to give way and fall to the very founda-

nd other mechanics, are largely interested. TO OUR CUSTOMERS.-in view of the stringency of the money market, we most respectfully, but earn-stly, call your attention to your balances upon our books, and to the necessity of as speedy payment as possible. hope this call will be sufficient, as we have to meet our engagements promptly, under all circum-T. A. BREWIS & CO.

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400 bbls. Extra and Family Flour 100 " Super Flour

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Apothecary, No. 94, King-street DATENT MEDICINES.-Wilbor's Cod Barry's Tricopherous; Warming Plasters, just

received, and for sale by JAMES ENTWISLE, Jr., Apothecary, No 94, King-street

BACON -5 ahds. Shoulder Bacon, in store, and for sale low, for each, by teb 4-eo2w [Sent.] T. A. BREWIS & CO.

T ONG CORSETS, only \$1; short Corsets, RICHARDS', 100 King-street.

T OST .- On Saturday afternoon last, 1 lost LEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY .- I my FREE PAPERS, for which the finder The regular annual meeting of the Stock- will receive my thanks and a reward, by leaving its of the Alexandria Water Company, will them at the Gazette Office, or returning them to at the LYCKEM HALL, on Thursday even- me at No. 29 Patrick street, between Cameron

jeb 2-eo3t VLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED -50 bushels prime Clover and Timother CERRS.

NOTICE -ALBERT W. GRAY, esq., has this day withdrawn from our firm, by muushels prime Clover and Timothy SEED, tual consent. The style of the firm will be continued as heretofore. GRAY, MILLER & CO. 1eb 1-1f

Gov. Wise's Opinions on the Free Negro Question.

The following is an extract from Gov. Wise's last Message to the Legislature: -"FREE NEGROES -- This class of our population is causing great diff-rence of opinion as well as to make the slaves discontented, un-

But what is to be done with them? is the

question, and it is difficult to settle it justly far preferable to shooting down our own peo- the policy and the justice of this plan. Its the Mormons at Salt Lake City, and estat- the nature of the negro. But that spirit, lish there a grand unilitary depot, for the always blind, is att to mistake in this, and the result would be rather to make so many missionaries among the foes to our institucenator Gwin is again at sea about his tious and to our people, to harden them our favor. Besides, they would, on this plan, have to be sent north to a climate not best friends to the African race, and their their natures and habits. It would be more bumane, and more just to them, to take from them their liberty at once, and sell them wholesale into siavery, without their corsent. But the moral sense of our people would revolt at a violation of individual and personal rights like this, and no such usurpaion would be tolerated by public sentiment. When then? -if they ought not to be sent north to free states and the tender mercies of fanatics and frost, nor to the south and colonize as many as we can in Liberia; to take back under masters as many as are willing to return to the patriarchal protection of slavery; to encourage the virtuous and industrious among them, by seeing that they are compelled to learn valuable trades and arts; and to reform our penal code so as to

> 1027 Superintendent of Gas. - Jacob Rox bury - his re election proposed - It is not the oband of the writer of this notice, to say anything names have been presented for the office of Superintendent of Gas, but simply to express as a consumer, his entire satisfaction with the present incumbent, and to urge upon our citizens

> his re-election. Jacob Roxbury, during the time of his offiial connexion with the office, has confessedly ischarged his duty with the strictest fidelity, a candidate for re-election, to continue to do so with the strictest eye to the public good. Let then the past be a guarantee for the future, and instead or overlooking the claims of one against whom no charge has or can be made-re-elect him with an increased majority, in order that he may be encouraged by this renewed expression of confidence on the part of his fellow citizens.

> It should not be forgotten that Mr. Roxbury is a native born citizen, crosely identified with the interests of our city-that his capacity to discharge the duties of the office is unquestioned, and that he will bring to his aid it elected the experience acquired by his past connexion

> with the works. We hope, therefore, that he will receive the undivided vote of all parties, and be re-elected by such a majority as will show the confidence and good wishes of his fellow-citizens generally.

heb 4-it ALEXANDRIA. were they appointed-and who appointed them? nominees unless acceptable to the citizens, will not be voted for either by the "American party." or those "triendly to their principles."-The people of Alexandria want taithful and efficient officers. Experience has shown that Railroad, and sixty miles from Alexandria they cannot obtain such always, from nominaions of the kind of Conventions new called. AN OLD CITIZEN.

BEG AMERICAN MEETING .- The members of the American party, and others, triendly to their principles, are respectfully invited to meet in Convention, at the American Hall, on Tuesday, 16th instant, at 7½ o'clock, to hominate municipal officers.

THE COMMITTEE Der LIBRARY LECTURE -The Rev. Y. KEESE, D. D., of Baltimore, will deliver a ginia. LECTURE before the "Alexandria Library Company." on Thursday evening next, 4th inst, at the LYCEL'M HALL at 8 o'clock. Subject

POETRY AND POETS OF AMERICA." Tickets may be obtained at the Drug Stores Liver Oil and Lime; Davis's Pain Killer; Single tickets 25 cts. --admitting a gentleman and lady 37½ cents-admitting a gentleman and two ladies 50 cts.

> Bee The Annual Meeting of the Stockho dets of the Alexandria Library Company, vill be neld in the Library Room of said Company. on Monday, the 22d day of February, 185 All persons wishing to become Stockholders or subscribers, are hereby solicited to attend. NORVAL E. FOAED, Librarian.

> FAIR -The fair for the benefit of GRACE CHURCH, will open this evening at o'rlock, and continue open during the work, at the same nour. Also on Wednesday an: Friday atternoons, at 3 and 5 Celock. Admittance 10 cts. Children half pric .

MOVER SEED -300 bushels prime Clover WHEAT & BRO NO 1 POTOMAC HERRINGS, for sale by [feb 3] ROBINSON & PAYNE.

Congress. In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Davis introsoldiers of the army stationed at Fort Kearney, in Nebraska Territory, previous to March

The bill making appropriations for the payment of the invalid pensions, was passed. The consideration of the message of the President respecting the Kansas Lecompton constitution was resumed.

In the House or Representatives, Mr. Staunton of Ohio, submitted a resolution providing for the arraignment, before the bar of the House, of J. B. Williamson, of New York, a witness in a case of alleged corruption in last Congress, who had failed to apnear before the committee in pursuance of their summons. The resolution also prevides that certain questions shall be pounded to the witness in relation to his failure to appear, and that he shall answer in

writing and under oath. On motion of Mr. Stanton the witness was remanded into the charge of the Sergia 11-at-Arms, and allowed, until to-day at noon to

prepare his answer to the queries propounded. Mr. J. G. Jones, from the ways and means committee, reported a bill making an approriation for the support of the army for the

year ending June 30, 1859. Mr. Cochrane, or New York, from Commere committee, reported a bill for surveying the Columbia river.

Mr. Goode from committee on District of olumbia reported a bill for the better reguation of elections in the District of Columbia. Mr. Greenwood of Ark, submitted a resu lution requesting the President to furnish all the correspondence received since March 4th,

ington and Oregon Territories, which was adopted. Mr. Hawkins, of Fla., from the Committee on Naval Affairs, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Commodore Ap. Catesby Jones, and that

1857, in relation to Indian affairs in Wash-

it be laid on the table; so ordered. Mr. Bocock, of Va., from the Naval Affairs Committee, reported a joint resolution expressive of the views of the Congress of he United States on the conduct of Com. Hiram Paulding in the matter of the arrest of William Walker. The resolution disaproves of the conduct of Com. Paulding, as eing beyond the letter and meaning of his

instructions. Mr. Sherman, from same committee, reported a resolution approbatory of the act of Com. Paulding in the matter named.

By Yesterday Evening's Mails.

FIRE - We regret to learn that the barn of hope, in this County, was destroyed by fire fi d. on Saturday night, the 23d ult., with a quantity of hay, straw, corn, rye, a new wheat fan, hors gearing and some farming implements. The fire was communicted by some vile in cendrary, at a late hour of the night, and it was with difficulty that Mr. F saved several torses and some cattle from destruction .he horse and a cow were severely burned .-Loss not less than \$500. Mr. F. is a worthy and industricus farmer, and we hope he may discover and bring to punishment the miscre ant who has thus subjected him to a heavy loss .- Winchester Vir.

Horrible.-We learn from a correspondent that last week in a neighborhood about slavery? The answer is, that we ought to 9 or 10 miles from Port Republic, in Rockingham county, a deg was found with the leg and foot of shild, supposed to be those of a child lost in that neighborhood last fall. A constable had a warrant for the arrest of | S. Millson. a woman for the murder of the child. This ployed to bury a colored woman, who had offences; to punish their secondary offences which found its way home. It is supposed died of the small-pox. A box had been pre- with solitary imprisonment; and to condemn that the child was concealed until quite recently.-Staunton Spectator.

> Mr. John H. Seayres, of Staunton, Va., formerly of Richmond, committed suicide, last Monday night, by taking laudanum.

Three men, employed on the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad bridge over the Elizabeth river, were drowned on Monday.

On the 2nd instant, in St. Mary's Church, by he Rev. Dr. Ryder, THOMAS DWYER, and SUSANNA, daughter of the late B. Rotchford. On Thursday last, at Berry Hill Orange County, Va , the residence of the bride's father, the Rev. George H. Ray, Mr. ALEX L. and promises in his card, announcing himself as GIRBS of Fredericksburg to Miss E. T. MAL-LORY, daughter of Mr. Phillip Mallory,

At the Butlist Church, on Thursday, Jan. 28th, by Rev. W. F. Broadous, Mr. A. L. GOOD-LOE, to Miss BETTIE B. HILL, eldest daughter of Mr John P. Hill-all of Fredericksburg.

ELIZA C. FITZHUGH, wite of Maj. Win. H.

Fitzhugh, at an advanced age. On Surday morning last, Mr. JAMES S. MAGRATH, of Fredericksburg, aged about 30

Near Purcelville, Loudoun county, on the 29th of January, Mrs. ANNA ADAMS, wite of Richard Adams, in the 72d year of her age. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

THE TON PREPARATORY SCHOOL. The second session of this School will be gin on the first Wednesday of October, 1858, and close the third Wednesday of July, 1859 -Have the "American party" or those "friendly | The design of the School is thoroughly to preto their principles" ever expressed a desire to pare youths for the University of Virginia,have a Convention to nominate municipal offi- The course of study embraces everything necers! This Convention may be held, but its cessary to the degree of A. M. at our University. The school is located in the mountains Faucuier, a region well known for its nealthful climate and beautiful scenery; it is two miles south of Markham Station on the Manassas Gap Terms: \$225, semi-annually in advance, viz. \$112.50 on the 1st of October, and \$112.50 on

> Modern Languages at extra charges. For further particulars, apply to the Principal, at Markham Station, Fauquier County, Va. REFERENCES: Rev. J. P. McGeire, E. H. S. of Va.

Professors Bledsoe, Harrison, Schele De Vere. McGuthe, and Smith, of the University of Vir-R. JAQUELIN AMBLER,

INSTRUCTION IN DRAWING AND OIL Room of the Alexandria Library, which he has engaged for this purpose, on M indays and

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CLOVER SEED.—Clover Seed, in store, and for sale by [jan 30] DAN'L F. HOOE. ROCKINGHAM FAMILY FLOUR, for feb

Virginia Legislature.

In the Senate, on Tuesday, a bill was reduced a bill for the relief of the officers and ported for the relief of Richard P. Trace, of Fairfax County. - .

Resolutions were off red of investigating the causes and resul s of fires to property in this Commonwealth, and for the appointment of Fire Marshals in the different counties and cities.

Of refunding to Thomas L. Scott, of Caroline county, \$293.75, advanced by him for board and tuition.

A bill was pas ed incorporating the Atlantic Steam Ferry Company.

The bill amending the law so as more fully to define the powers and duties of inspectors of flour, was taken up and discussed at length, but without coming to a conclusion, the Senate adjourned.

In House of Dalegates, reports were presented adverse to appropriating a certain sum of money to the Virginia Historical and Philosophical Society for certain purposes. Of amending the present juror law, passed April 9th, 1853.

Or exempting citizens of towns from coun-

ty levies. O. authorizing a justice of the peace to issue "distringas" on judgments rendered by a instice.

Of prohibiting the introduction of adulterated liquors into the State. Of requiring jurors summored in civil cases to serve in criminal cases, &c.

Mr. Preston, from the Committee Schools and Colleges presented a report on the condition of the Literary Fund, etc., in

which it is stated that --

The first and most important reform tion from waste of the fund dedicated to education. By the system now in operation, the county treasurers or superintendents drew from the Second Auditor the entire annual quota of each county at the beginning of the year. Balances of former years remaining still in their hands, and hence the rapid accumulations from 1852 to 1855, at the rate of \$40,930 per year. The county treasurers in he great majority of instances use the money for their own purposes, charging themselves with the amounts received, and crediting those paid out. They hold it without interest; nay, more than that, they receive upon al. sums expended, five per cent. To prevent n future these heavy charges upon a fund, the greater portion of which is dedicated to the poor children of the Commonwealth, and to arrest the waste consequent upon small balances left in the hands of 145 treasurers. scattered over the entire State, the (accompanying) bill proposes that the school quotas shall remain in the State Treasury to the credit of the Second Auditor, and only be drawn out, for services actually rendered by Mr. Jacob Fry, on Cedar Creek, near Mount the trachers, upon accounts properly certification

The House resumed the consideration of from the free negro population. After the adoption of various amendments, and remarks from several members, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Lee, it was Resolved. That a committee be appointed with leave to report a bill authorizing the Governor to contract with Wm. R. Barbee for the erection in this capit I of a marble statue of James Madison, late P . ident of the Uni-

ted States.

On motion of Mr. Rives, it was Resolved, That this House will, with the concurrence of the S-nate, proceed on Situr day, the 6th day of February, at I o'clock, to the election of a Brigadier General for the 8th brigade, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Francis M. B ykin, and a Brig-There were no marks of decay, and the parts adier General of the 9.h brigade, to fill the seemed to have been severed with a knife .- | vacancy caused by the resignation of John

Democratic . aucus. The caucus (held last night) of the Demoeratic Senators, was a full one. Mr. Douglas was present. The order of proceedings in action on the special message and the Lecompton constitution was the subject discussed. It was determined finally, with much unanimity, we hear, to press the debate on the question of the reference of the subject to as speedy conclusion as possible and then to proceed with the further consideration of the bill to increase the army .-

T A CIRCUIT COURT held for Culpeper A County, at the Court House thereot, on Friday, the 17th day of November 1857; F. Lewis Marshall, guardian, &c., plaintiff, against Anne G. Marshall, and o hers, detendants. On the motion of Kobert Bell, he hath leave to file his petition, and this cause coming on to be turther heard upon the papers formerly read, and the said petition was argued by counsel. Upon consideration whereof, the Court doth ad judge, order and decree, that it be referred to Commissioner Thomas, to take an account of and 100@108c, tor good. Sales of red at 90@ the peritioners debt, and of any other debts due | 100c. for fair to good. The market closed dull, by the late John Marshall not heretofore reported on, and that the said Commissioner state a further account of the administration of F. In Falmouth, on Sunday morning last, Mrs. Lewis Marshall on the estate of John Marshall deceased, and the said Commissioner is directed to publish a notice, once a week for four successive weeks, in some paper published in Alexandria, requiring the said creditors of John Marshall, dec'd, to produce their claims before the said Commissioner, with the evidence to sus-

YOTICE—All persons having claims a-gainst John Marshall, dec'd., will take noordered by the Court; they will please file their laims at that time with the evidence to sustain them; also, F. Lewis Marshall will on that day file his administration accounts with the necessary vouchers, that the Commissigner may report to the Court. GEO. T. THOMAS, Commissioner of Circuit Court of Culpeper Co. Culpeper County, Va., jar-28-w4w

DOARDING SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LA-DIES. MIDDLEBURG, LOUDOUS COUSTY, VA. MRS. CHARLOTTE M. McGINN. Literary Department, PRINCIPALS, MRS. MARY NIXON, Boarding

The duties of this School will be commenced on the first Monday in March next. The Princi pal in the Literary Department has had a long experience in teaching, and her plan of educa- firm. Cumberland Coal Co. 162. Va. 6's 92. tion comprehends all that is requisite to a solid and finished course. The discipline is mild and firm, tending in all respects to promote the happiness and best interests of the pupils, whose moral and religious education will always receive careful and unremitting attention. The Fauquier county, feb 4-eoti 1 Trincipal | year is divided into two terms, (of five months each,) commencing on the first Mondays in PAINTING -Mr. WM. MACLEOD will March and September. The Studies pursued open on Thursday, February 4th, a class for La. | en brace Spelling; Reading; Writing; Arithms: | Wharfage paid at Locust Point TIC; ENG. GRAMMAR; GEOGRAPHY; COMPOSITION; NATURAL MODERN, AND ANCIENT HISTORY, NAT. PHILOSOPHY; Music. (Vocal and Instrumental:) Thursdays, between the hours of 11. A. A. and FRENCH; DRAWING; Chochetine; FANCY KNITTING. | Cash paid shipping, charges for , P. M. The class will be limited. His terms and Embroidery.

Terms - One half payable in Advance. Board and Tuition in English, including Fancy Knitting, Crochet, and Embroidery, for five For turther particulars, references, &c., see cir-

JOHN H. McGINN, or JONATHAN W. NIXON.

Middleburg, Loudoun Co., Va., jan 26-eo12t EMOVAL .- The office of the Albemarle Insurance Company has been removed to Nos. 57 and 59, King street, (late Banking House of Fowle, Snowden & Co...) where they are prepared to extend their business. Particular attention given to the lusurance of

the lives of Slaves. JAMES S. ROGERS, Agent.

LOCAL ITEMS.

COUNTY COURT -In the County Court on yesterday, the case of the Commonwealth against John Crawford, for petit larceny. was tried, and the defendant found guilty by the jury. The Court took time till to-day to consider of its judgment. C. E. Stuart for the Commonwealth, and Brent & Kiczer for the defendant.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. John Crawford, for an assault and battery, the portion of the papers, and many letters, were jury returned a verdict of guilty, and amerced | burnt. bim in the sum of one dollar. Judgment of the Court for fine and costs, and that he be imprisoned five days in the County jail, and noon to-day, for Liverpool, with nearly \$2, until the fine and costs are paid. Counsel | 250,000 in specie.

ing, at 11 o'clock.

LECTURE -We feel desirous of doing all we can to inform our citizens of what will conduce to their pleasure, and, therefore, we Dee is wrecked on St. Augustine bar-all will repeat the notice of the Lecture this lives were saved. The steamer was employevening, by the Rev. E. Y. Reese, on the ed in furnishing stores to the troops in "Poets and Poetry of America." The Lec- Florida. ture, as delivered last year, was one of the finest we have ever had in Alexandria, and its excellence was attested by the frequent and hearty applause of a very large and disoriminating audience. We understand that it has since been recast, and sufficient alterasought to be accomplished is, the preserva- tion has been made in it to give the charm of novelty, without taking away its original beauty and interest. The propriety and elegance of the remarks on the various poets, and the style of their writings, would give interest to the lecture of themselves; but when illustrated by recitations and reading, in a style of elocution rarely surpassed, the whole forms a treat that we hope none will miss. "The Bells," "The Raven," "Hiawatha," &c., read by so fine an elecutionist as Mr. Reese, ought alone to fill the Lyceum passed by this time, and supplying this omission of last year, will perfect the Lecture.

LITERARY Society. - The question: "Has man an innate moral sense?" was debated on Tuesday evening, by Messrs. Wm. A. Duncan, Frederick W. Miner, and others, and decided in the affirmative. On Tuesday evening next, the question: "Has the General Assembly of Virginia the right to remove the free colored population from the State?" the bill for the relief of the Commonwealth will be discussed by Messrs. I. Louis Kinzer, and Richard L. Carne, jr.

Hall, has, so far, been well patronized. We know of no place where a more agreeable de cause is a good one.

COMMERCIAL.

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HAY, (+ 100 lbs.)...... 623 @ 0 75 FLOUR -We have very few transactons to note, and our quotations are nominal. WHEAT - The offerings were small, with sales of white at 95@100c, for inferior qualities,

with a declining tendency. CORN is in limited request. Sales of small

lots of new white at 45, 48, and 50c. RYE .- We note sales at 57c. Very little enquiry, and receipts light.

OATS are unchanged. No sales reported.

The Markets.

Baltimore, Feb. 3 .- Flour; sales 2,000 barrels, Howard street super \$4.37@-4,50-but closing better; Ohio, superfine, -4,50; extra do. ice I have appointed Saturday, the 27th day of \$5685, 15; City Mills, superfine, \$4,50; extra do. February, 1858, at my office, in this place, at 10 | \$ @\$5.25; Baltimore ground family \$7,75, exo'clock, A. M., to state the above accounts as tra do \$6,75; rye flour \$3,25; Buckwheat flour \$1,25@\$2,50; Corn Meal \$3,25. White wheat \$115@\$120 for fair to prime, and \$1,35 for choice samples; red \$105\$110. Corn-white 50:a53; yellow 53:a55. Whiskey is dull.

New York, Feb. 3 .- Flour is firm and generally unchanged; State \$4,20 @\$4 25; Ohio is mer place, a convenient distance for market.-5c. dearer, and quoted \$4,656 \$4,85; Southern The soil is well adapted to the growth of the \$1.50@\$4 85. Wheat is very dull; white 125 grain and grasses, usually cultivated in this re-@137c. Corn closed with a declining tendency; gion, and most susceptible of the highest im vellow 1c. lower. Pork is buoyant; Mess \$15. 50. Beef is dull Lard is heavy. Whiskey has not be procured, a beautiful southeastern expodeclined 2c.; Ohio 21c. Stocks are higher and sure, with soil light, well improved, and with Sterling exchange firm at 1004 @1104c.

Total receipts of coal over Baltimore and Onio Railroad, during twelve years, for Locust

Point, 2,887 735 tons, Freights paid Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company on same, during this period Cash disbursements by vessels,

during this period labor, &c., during this period. . Cash paid commissions to brokers, during this per od Cash paid by vessels for r-pairs, during this period ... Cash paid by vess-ls for harbor

dues and port charges, during the period.....

Amount of capital invested at Locust Point, cost or wharves and \$9,599 432 87

Number of vessels employed in shipping this coal, during 12 years, 16,500, of 175 tons each. TOTOMAC HERRING AND SHAD, a few

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

Post Office Burnt, MAUCH CHUNK, Feb. 3 .-- The Post office at Summit Hill, and an adjoining store, were destroyed by fire last night. A large pro-

Shipment of Specie, &c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 .- The Europa sailed at

The Glasgow steamer Edinburg, arrived The Court then adjourned until this morn- here this forenoon. Her advices have been generally anticipated.

Stenmer Wrecked.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 2.—The steamer Pee

AUCTION SALES.

JOR SALE -- We offer for sale privately, an til King George County February Cour-FARM in said County, and immediately on the shore of the noble Potomac, 15 miles from Fredericksburg, and 50 from Washington city known as THE COTTAGE, containing FIVE HUNDRED ACRES; attached is a fine FISHE RY, and with the single addition of a Bell would rank with any other on the river. We sell only for division, the partnership has

ing expered in December last. Terms very accommodating.

With a most inferior force we reaped 1,500 ushels or wheat, and the corn crop proportion-The flats lay well and take grass finely. The higher land heavily timbered with Cedar, Locust, and Walnut, Improvements sufficient

and comfortable. The farm joins Fair View, the handsome estate of John H. Smith, now advertised for sale Hall. Our favorite Halleck, too, will not be and attached would form a plantation inferior to none on the river, for profit and compactness Society good, Churches, Schools, Stores, and Offices convenient. Game abundant, Swan Geese, and Ducks, with Crabs of both kinds, immediately at the door.

Refer to JOHN JETER, esq , on the Estate W. ROY MASON, esq. King George Court House, or JAMES PARKE CORBIN at Fredericksburg, for my further information. JOHN JETER

King George Co., Va , jan 22-2awts TOMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE / STEAM SAW-MILL, &c .- By virtue of decree of the Circuit Court, for the county of Fairfax, made at its November term, 1857, in the case of William J. Hall, and others, against THE FAIR -- The Fair for the benefit of Jacob M. Holsapple's administrator, and oth Grace Church, now in progress at Sarepta ers. I shall sell, at public auction, at Fairfax Court House, on Monday, the 15th day of Febru ry, 1858. (that being Court day.) the following scribed property:-A lot of LAND, contain evening can be spent than at the Fair. The | ing TWO ACRES, more or less, within a few rods of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad near Burke's Station, in the county of Fairfax upon which has been recently erected a STEAM SAW-MILL, of 20-horse-power, with two PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA BOILERS; one up-and-down SAW; Patent CORN-MILL, and fixtures, all new and in com

> tled, so as to make sawing and grinding a profit able business-besides the advantage of being within 14 miles of Alexandria by Railroad. TERMS OF SALE -One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, at the time of salethe residue in three equal payments, at six, twelve, and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale, with approved personal security -the title to be retained, and the property lia ble to be resold upon default in the payment

plete order. The neighborhood is thickly set

the deferred payments, or either of them. Dr. William M. Holsapple, residing near the premises, will shew the property to any one who may be desirous of purchasing. Sale to take place between 11 and 3 o'clock. THOS. R. LOVE, Comm'r.

Fairfax county, jan 16-eots AND AND SLAVES FOR SALE -- By I virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, rendered on the 15th day of October, 1857, in a suit therein depending between A. Maddox's administrator, plantiff, and Thomas S. Maddox, and others, dants, I shall, on Thursday, the 25th day of February wext, sell at public auction, on premises, to the highest bidder, a TRACT OF LAND situated on Powell's Run, in Prince William County, containing TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO ACRES, on which Robert G. Maddox now resides. This land has an abundant supply of wood and timber, is well watered, and is in a good state for cultiva-The improvements are a comfortation. The improvements are a comforta-ble DWELLING HOUSE, with convenient

out-buildings. At the same time, I shall also sell SEVEN SLAVES, likely and valuable, consisting of two MEN, one WOMAN, one GIRL and three BOYS. TERMS OF SALE .- Ten per cent. of the pur chase money of the land, to be paid down in cash, the balance payable in three equal instalments, with interest, at six, twelve, and eighteen months, from the day o' sale, the purchaser to give bond with good personal security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained until the whole purchase money is paid. The Slaves will be sold on a credit of six months the purchasers giving bonds, bearing interest

from the date, with approved personal security.

M. B. SINCLAIR, Commissioner. Prince William Co., Va., jan 23-eots OFFER FOR SALE MY FARM, in Fair R. M. Scott and Thompson Javins. Said farm contains about FIFTY ACRES, with a comfor table DWELLING HOUSE, and excellent barn and stable thereon, and is situated on the "Old Road," leading from Alexandria to Backlick Church, four miles only from the for

provement. A better situation for a market garden can little little labor the busbandman would be most amply remonerated for his industry-Those who may desire to purchase a small tract am confident cannot be better suited in this section, or their money invested so as to pay a

larger per centum. If not previously sold at private sale, it will be sold at public auction, at the Tavern of Samuel Catts', West End, on Saturday, the 6th of Feb-

mary next. TERMS -- One-half of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in equal instal-ments payable one the 10th of November, in each year, till the purchase money be all paid. Apply to W. S. REID, Fairfax County. or H. F. MILLAN, Virginia House, Alex.

Fairfax County, Va., jan 28 -eots TOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Proposals will be received at Newton's Hotel, Alexandria, Va., on, the 18th of February, 1858, for grading, and making the ALEXANDRIA MOUNT VERNON, and ACCOTINE TURN-PIKE ROAD of gravel, being about ten miles. Pians and specifications may be seen at the above named place on both 17th and 18th, and persons wishing to view the route previous to that time will be shown the same by calling ou

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